

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

In a prior response, Applicants elected claims 11-19 and 27-35 in response to a restriction requirement.

The present Office Action requests that Applicants select one species from Group I and one species from Group 2:

GROUP 1

- [Species A]** [Withdrawn: this species was withdrawn from the Office Action Restriction by the Examiner pursuant to a phone call with the Examiner on August 3, 2005.]
- Species B:** Figures 3 and 4 (Figure 4 shows the conveyor running crosswise to the cutting assembly)
- Species C:** Figures 3 and 5 (Figure 5 shows the conveyor running parallel to the cutting assembly)

GROUP 2

- Species D:** At least a portion of a circumference of transfer rollers is covered with a porous material.
- Species E:** At least a portion of a circumference of transfer rollers produces an attractive and repulsive force.
- Species F:** At least a portion of a circumference of transfer rollers is temperature controlled.

Applicants hereby elect **Species C** and **Species F**, corresponding to claims 11-19 and 27-35. Applicants note that other claims correspond to Species C and F (such as claims 19-22), but these claims have already been restricted from the application. Applicants further submit that at least claim 11 is generic to all Species.


CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that the prosecution might be advanced by discussing the application with Applicants' representatives, in person or over the telephone, we would welcome the opportunity to do so.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for the submission of this Response. However, in the event that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office requires a fee to enter this Response or to maintain the present application pending, please charge such fee to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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